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PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY ISSUED PRESS
RELEASE AUG. 15 ANNOUNCING QUOTE:

"FORMATION OF A NEW MULTI-AGENCY GROUP WHICH WILL START
WORK IMMEDIATELY TO DEVELOP NOISE-VIBRATION STANDARDS
FOR THE CONCORDE SUPERSONIC AIRCRAFT. PARTICIPATING
AGENCIES ARE THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY AND THE PORT AUTHORITY." UNQUOTE.

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ADAMS CONTENDING THAT ANY SUCH STUDY IS UNNECESSARY.
REPLIES TO THESE LETTERS ARE NOW IN PREPARATION.

NO SUCH GROUP HAS BEEN FORMED. DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN
PLACE IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF PORT
AUTHORITY, GAO, NASA, EPA AND DOT TO DISCUSS PORT
AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY OF NOISE VIBRATIONS

OF CONCORDE. DOT HAS PREPARED FOLLOWING GUIDANCE AUG. 17 FOR USE BY ITS PRESS OFFICE ON IF ASKED BASIS.

QUOTE: "AT THE REQUEST OF THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION MET THIS MORNING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, THE NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, THE GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO DISCUSS THE PORT AUTHORITY'S WRITTEN REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL RESEARCH INTO THE QUESTION OF NOISE-INDUCED VIBRATION IN STRUCTURES NEAR AIRPORTS. THE PORT AUTHORITY HAS SUGGESTED THAT OPERATIONS OF THE CONCORDE SST INTO JFK AIRPORT MIGHT CREATE GREATER LEVELS OF VIBRATION IN NEARBY HOMES THAN DO CONVENTIONAL SUBSONIC AIRCRAFT, CAUSING INCREASED ANNOYANCE AMONG JFK'S NEIGHBORS.

THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS CAUSED BY NOISE-INDUCED STRUCTURAL VIBRATIONS WERE RECOGNIZED QUITE EARLY BY THE DEPARTMENT AND THE FAA IN ASSESSING THE POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS WHICH MIGHT BE CREATED BY THE CONCORDE SST, AND THIS FACTOR WAS INCLUDED IN THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT WHICH PRECEDED THE FEBRUARY 1976 DECISION TO AUTHORIZE A 16-MONTH TRIAL PERIOD. MONITORING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE FIRST 12 MONTHS' OPERATION OF THE CONCORDE AT DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, NEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WASHINGTON, D.C., HAS INDICATED THAT NOISE-INDUCED VIBRATION LEVELS ARE LESS THAN THOSE INTIALLY ESTIMATED IN THE EARLIER ASSESSMENT. DETAILS OF THE DULLES MONITORED INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED EARLY NEXT MONTH, AS PART OF THE FAA'S SUMMARY REPORT OF THE FIRST 12-MONTH PERIOD OF CONCORDE OPERTIONS THERE. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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